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1. (Unclassified - JSW) John Martin on the staff of House Ways and Means Committee telephoned indicating that he had received the Agency's letter concerning the tax exemption for the disability annuities under our retirement bill. Martin indicated that Chairman Mills is out of town but will return next Monday, suggesting that I call him directly to see what action can be taken.

50X1 2. (Secret - JSW) David E. McGiffert, Assistant to the Secretary (Legislative Matters), telephoned to inquire concerning our briefing of the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services on the [] case. His only question was what staff member was present and I advised him that Robert Smart was present.

3. (Unclassified - GLC) George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called regarding a newspaper article of 10 October with a Stuttgart, Germany, dateline which bore the headline "A Soviet Agent Bribed Four American GI's to Steal an Atomic Weapon." A Colonel Dillard, who is intelligence officer of the U.S. 7th Army, supposedly is responsible for thwarting this operation which was spearheaded by Nicholas Lazapoulos. Murphy said he has already been in touch with the Army on this and has received very little cooperation. He has asked for such information as we may have on this since it involved an intelligence operation by the Soviets. []

50X1 Murphy again mentioned the Paques case saying that he has been in touch with Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations Fred Dutton and his deputy but has not received any information to date. He asked if the Agency had a copy of the NATO damage report on the Paques case and I told him that I was not at all certain we did. It was clear that Murphy was not too happy with the information he was getting from us or State.

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4. (Unclassified - GLC) Concerning his request for an appointment with John Richardson, I advised David Martin, in the office of Senator Thomas Dodd, that at the moment Richardson was away getting a well-deserved rest and, therefore, was unavailable. I advised Martin that the Director was most pleased to receive Senator Dodd's letter concerning Richardson and it was my information that the Director had written a reply to the Senator's letter.

Martin asked if I thought they would be able to see Richardson when he returned. I said I was not in a position to answer that question at this time, but again indicated that there were problems in making an individual like Richardson available without establishing a precedent for other similar requests. Martin said he feels the "other side" has been unduly critical with respect to the Agency and Viet Nam in laying the blame at the Agency's front door. He specifically mentioned the Starnes article and remarks by Senator Mansfield. I referred to the President's statement in his most recent press conference on this subject but it was obvious that Martin will not be satisfied to let the matter rest here. I suggested that he wait until the Senator received the Director's letter before doing anything further.

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